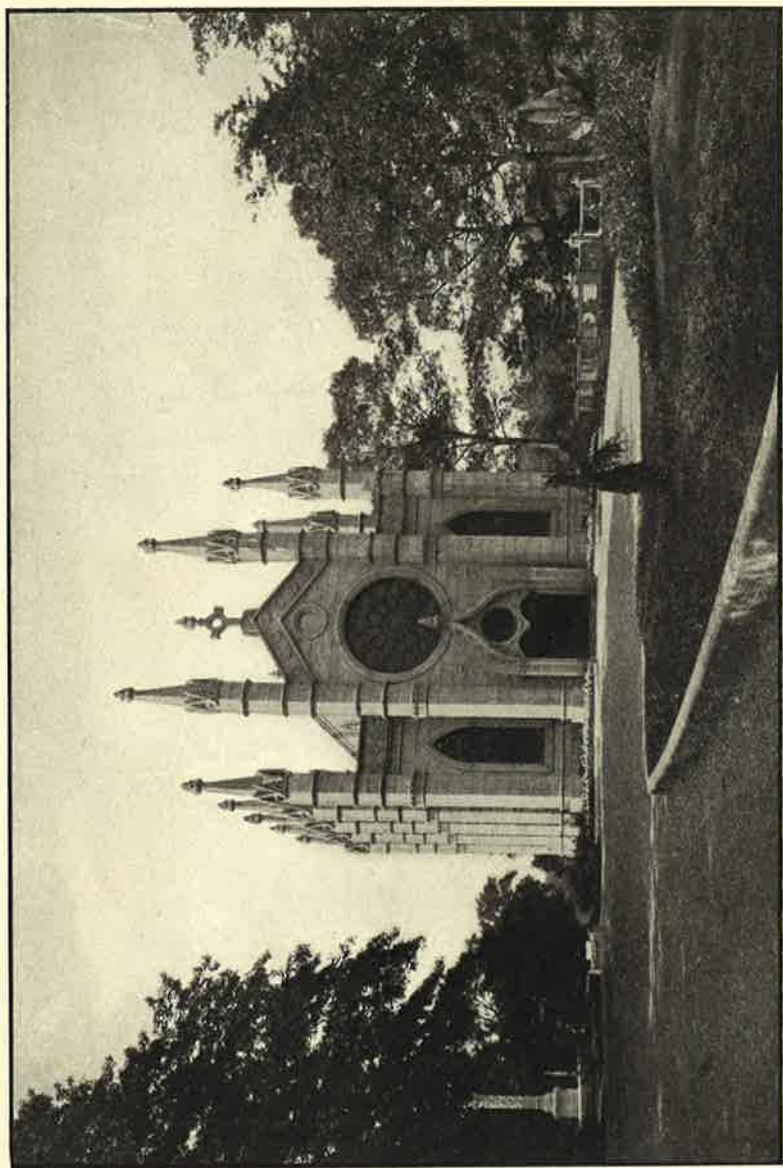

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1903.



CREMATORY, FORMERLY OLD CHAPEL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

FOR 1902,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR.

BOSTON :

THOMAS GROOM & CO., STATIONERS,

No. 105 STATE STREET.

1903.

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1902.

Trustees.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------|------|
| DAVID W. CHEEVER | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | <i>Term expires in</i> | 1903 |
| DAVID R. WHITNEY | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1903 |
| ISRAEL M. SPELMAN | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1904 |
| EDWARD W. HUTCHINS | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1904 |
| FRANK W. REYNOLDS | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1905 |
| JOSEPH B. RUSSELL | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1905 |
| CHARLES H. WATSON | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1906 |
| PRENTISS CUMMINGS | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1906 |
| FRANCIS C. FOSTER | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1907 |
| THOMAS P. BEAL | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1907 |
| CHARLES F. CHOATE | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1908 |
| JOSHUA M. SEARS | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | " " | 1908 |

President.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

Treasurer.

JOHN L. DILL.

Secretary.

L. G. FARMER.

Superintendent.

J. C. SCORGIE.

Office of the Corporation.

5 TREMONT STREET,
BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY,
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees herewith submit to the proprietors the seventy-first annual report, together with the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

The past year has, on the whole, been financially prosperous. The amount received from the sale of lots has not been quite so large as heretofore, but the falling off has been more than compensated by the receipts from other sources. So notwithstanding the "fuel famine," the high prices of labor and materials, imperfect and tardy delivery, and unfilled contracts, we have been able to accomplish satisfactory results.

This fully appears in the condition of our Funds. The Repair Fund now amounts to \$1,224,404.70, and shows an increase during the year of \$56,887.40. This fund, it will be remembered, represents the amounts paid for the perpetual care of their lots by those proprietors who have contributed to the fund. The income of this fund can only be used in accordance with the contracts respectively made. This fund has always been treated by us as a trust.

The Permanent Fund, now in process of accumulation in the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for the care of the Cemetery after all the lots have been disposed of, now amounts to \$445,841.63, the gain of the past year being \$13,876.13.

The General Fund, from which all repairs, renewals and improvements must be paid, amounts to \$175,343.61. This includes \$14,389.09, received from the legacy of the late Melissa Gould, given to the Cemetery for its general uses, adornment and improvement.

The Cremation record is as follows:—

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------|
| From April 19, to Dec. 31, 1900, | 50 | Cremations |
| In 1901 | 119 | " |
| In 1902 | 134 | " |
| Total Cremations | 303 | |

Showing a steadily increasing use on the part of our proprietors of the process of cremation before interment.

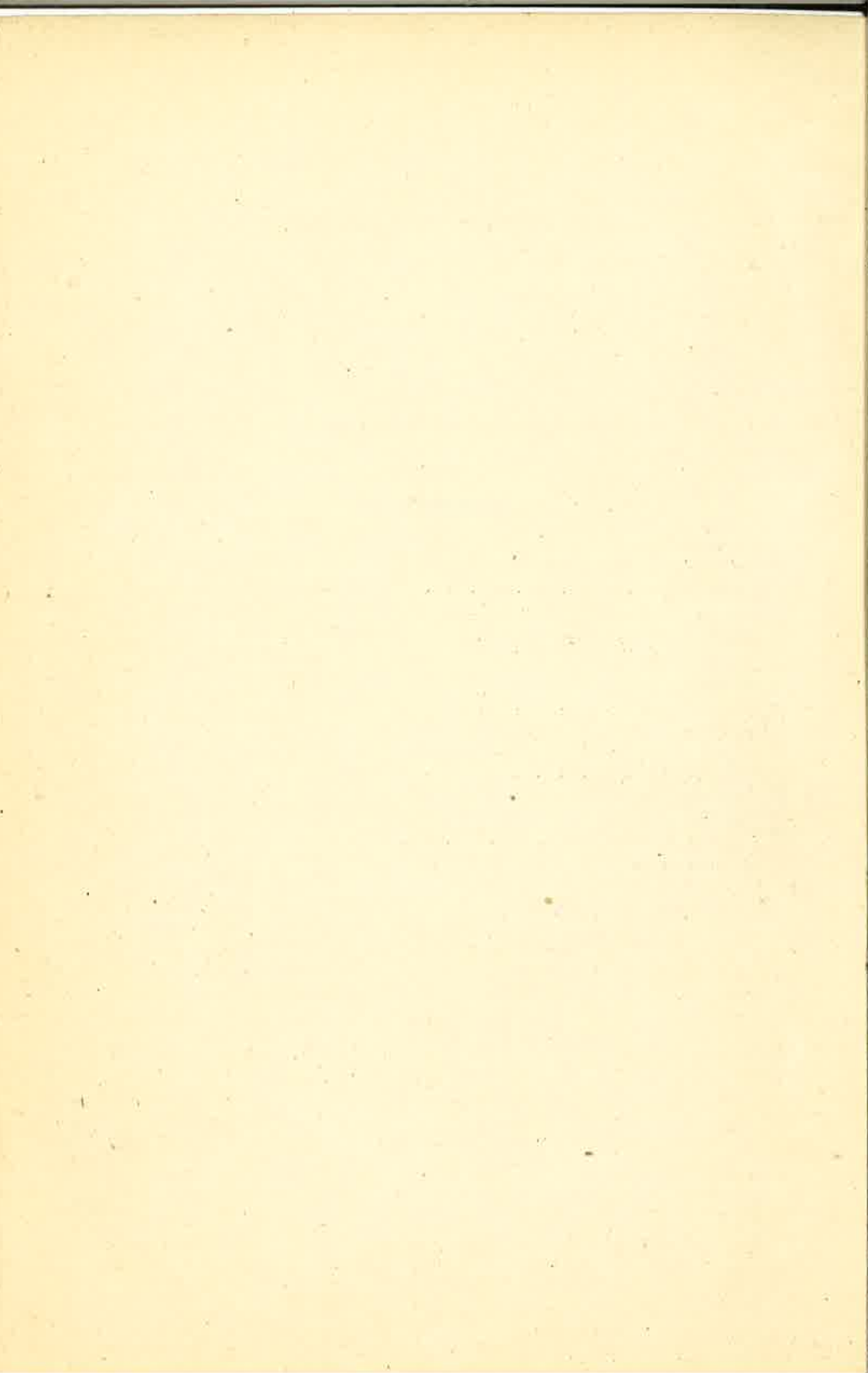
Several unusual sources of expenditure the past year deserve mention. The cost of destroying the brown-tail moth is estimated at \$439.72, which, in the report, appears only in the larger pay roll for wages of men so employed. The cleaning out and improvement of Halycon Lake, so far, is put down at \$639.78, though the rich manure material so obtained, thus securing the n-wash of many years, is probably fully worth that amount. The water works have also required some attention and several similar items might be added, all necessary to keep our works in useful action and repair.

In concluding our report we regret to mention the death of Mr. Henry B. Mackintosh, our late Treasurer. He was chosen Treasurer April 1, 1870, and for more than thirty years continued to render service in the duties of his office. The Trustees, in recognition of his services and as a token of their esteem and regard, have directed the payment of his salary for the full term of the year to which he had just been re-elected at our last annual meeting.

The change in investments cannot fail to be noticed in the Treasurer's report, and with the change it was necessary to commence a new form of accounts which could represent truly and clearly all necessary details. Some new forms had to be adopted, for our old system was fitted only for mortgage investments, mainly on real estate, now not easy to secure in sufficient amounts. All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL MUNSON SPELMAN,
President.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Cash balance from preceding year | | \$38,300.66 |
| He has received from sundry parties,— | | |
| For sales of lots | \$14,254.70 | |
| “ labor and materials on lots, etc. | 61,481.75 | |
| “ deposits in receiving tomb | 1,082.00 | |
| | <u>\$76,818.45</u> | |
| For deeds and transfers | \$156.00 | |
| Interest on loans | 6,874.57 | |
| From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company on account of income on permanent fund | 8,000.00 | |
| From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one quarter of expenditure for grading new lands for sale | 151.52 | |
| Premium retired | 350.00 | |
| | <u>15,532.09</u> | |
| From Melissa Gould (Legacy) | 10,338.09 | |
| | <u>102,688.63</u> | |

\$140,989.29

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

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FOR THE SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR, 1902.

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|--------------|
| He has paid sundry parties, — | |
| For labor (pay roll) | \$38,557.32 |
| “ materials | 12,097.88 |
| “ repairs of buildings and fences | 1,476.54 |
| “ receiving tomb drawbacks | 39.00 |
| “ graves repurchased | 60.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$52,230.74 |
| For expenses, — | |
| For salaries | \$9,520.24 |
| “ office expenses | 3,507.77 |
| “ taxes on real estate | 1,526.74 |
| “ insurance | 361.50 |
| “ interest (accrued interest on bonds purchased.) | 534.72 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 15,450.97 |
| For amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales, | \$3,459.42 |
| “ amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for permanent fund | 4,721.57 |
| “ New York & New Eng. R. R. Co. 7s, due 1905 | 25,000.00 |
| “ Premium on bonds | 1,750.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 34,930.99 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | 38,376.59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$140,989.29 |
| | <hr/> |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report \$13,264.44
 He has received, —

| | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| From notes receivable | \$211,619.50 | |
| “ endowments | 35,418.78 | |
| “ income of investments | 51,633.05 | |
| “ final dividend on 20 shares Shawmut National Bank stock | 90.00 | |
| “ Terminal Railroad Asso. of St. Louis bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ New York, Ontario & Western R. R. Co. bonds, | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Premiums retired | 2,423.77 | |
| | | 321,185.10 |
| | | <u>\$334,449.54</u> |

He has paid for said account, —

| | | |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| For care and improvement of lots | \$28,468.30 | |
| “ notes receivable secured by mortgage | 87,000.00 | |
| “ West End Street Railway Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ New York, Ontario & Western R. R. Co. bonds, | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Union Pacific R. R. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Northern Pacific Ry. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Boston & Maine R. R. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Fitchburg R. R. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Western Union Tel. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co. bonds, | 10,000.00 | |
| “ New York & New Eng. R. R. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ New York, N. H. & Hartford R. R. Co. bonds, | 10,000.00 | |
| “ City of Newton Bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Chicago Junc. Ry. & Union Stock Yards bonds, | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. Co. bonds, | 19,736.00 | |
| “ Northern Pacific Great Northern joint bonds | 9,487.50 | |
| “ Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co. bonds, | 10,000.00 | |
| “ City of Boston bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Old Colony R. R. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Boston & Albany R. R. Co. bonds | 10,000.00 | |
| “ Boston, Winthrop & Shore R. R. Co. bonds | 5,000.00 | |
| “ perpetual care of grass on grave repurchased | 15.00 | |
| “ premium on bonds | 10,007.50 | |
| “ interest (accrued interest on bonds purchased) | 1,771.13 | |
| | | 321,485.43 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | | 12,964.11 |
| | | <u><u>\$334,449.54</u></u> |

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

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REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report | \$1,167,517.30 |
| Additions during the year | 56,887.40 |
| | <u>\$1,224,404.70</u> |

Invested as follows,—

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Notes receivable secured by mortgage | \$961,480.50 |
| * 10,000 American Bell Tel. Co. 4% bonds, due 1908, | 10,020.01 |
| * 10,000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co. 4% bonds, due 1995 | 10,355.59 |
| * 10,000 Boston, City of, 3½% bonds, due 1922 | 10,438.75 |
| * 10,000 Boston & Albany R. R. Co. 3½% bonds, due 1951 | 10,350.00 |
| * 10,000 Boston & Maine R. R. Co. 4% bonds, due 1937, | 11,429.29 |
| 5,000 Boston, Winthrop & Shore R. R. Co. 5% bonds, due 1906 | 5,000.00 |
| * 10,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co. 5% bonds, due 1913 | 10,835.23 |
| * 10,000 Chicago Junc. Ry. & Union Stock Yards 4% bonds, due 1940 | 10,172.70 |
| 20,000 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. Co. 4½ bonds, due 1916 | 19,736.00 |
| 25,000 Fiske Wharf and Warehouse 1st Mtge. notes, 4%, due 1920 | 25,000.00 |
| * 10,000 Fitchburg R. R. Co. 4% bonds, due 1927 | 11,176.00 |
| * 10,000 Newton, City of, 3½% bonds, due 1931 | 10,761.87 |
| 20,000 N. Pacific Gt. N. joint 4% bonds, due 1921 | 19,262.50 |
| * 10,000 Northern Pacific Ry. Co. 4% bonds, due 1997, | 10,547.12 |
| * 10,000 New York & New Eng. R. R. Co. 6% bonds, due 1905 | 10,625.00 |
| * 10,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co. 3½% bonds, due 1947 | 10,544.03 |
| * 10,000 Old Colony R. R. Co. 3½% bonds, due 1932, | 10,300.00 |
| * 10,000 Oregon Short Line R. R. Co. 5% bonds, due 1946 | 11,788.59 |
| * 10,000 Union Pacific R. R. Co. 4% bonds, due 1947, | 10,586.96 |
| * 10,000 West End St. Ry. Co. 4% bonds, due 1915 | 10,313.00 |
| * 10,000 Western Union Tel. Co. 4½% bonds, due 1950, | 10,717.45 |
| | <u>\$1,211,440.59</u> |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer | 12,964.11 |
| | <u>\$1,224,404.70</u> |

* Including unretired premiums.

PERMANENT FUND.

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report | \$431,965.50 |
| Deposited in December, 1902 | \$4,721.57 |
| Interest | 9,154.56 |
| | <u>13,876.13</u> |
| | <u>\$445,841.63</u> |

GENERAL FUND.**CASH ASSETS.**

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Cash in hands of Treasurer | \$38,376.59 |
| Notes receivable, secured by mortgage | \$50,000.00 |
| Roxbury Central Wharf Co. 5% bonds, due 1912 | 50,000.00 |
| * N. Y. & New Eng. R. R. Co, 7% bonds, due 1905, | 26,400.00 |
| Bills for labor and material uncollected | \$8,575.40 |
| Less due sundry parties for labor and material, | 2,008.38 |
| | <hr/> 6,567.02 |
| 80 shares First National Bank, Montpelier, | |
| Vt. (Melissa Gould Legacy) | 4,000.00 |
| | <hr/> 136,967.02 |
| *Including unretired premium | <hr/> \$175,343.61 |

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, new chapel, office buildings and statuary, old chapel remodeled for crematory, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 59,936 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Sawin and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DILL, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, December 31, 1902.

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year nineteen hundred two have been examined by Mr. Gerald Wyman, professional accountant, who has reported that he found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments; property in value and kind to agree with the accounts of the Treasurer were exhibited to and examined by him, and he also certifies that in the general account there is a cash balance of \$38,376.59, and in the fund for repairs of \$12,964.11.

CHARLES H. WATSON,
PRENTISS CUMMINGS,
Committee on Finance.

JANUARY 2, 1903.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1902.

IMPROVEMENTS.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts | 36 |
| “ old lots improved by being graded and sodded | 43 |
| “ old lots bounded with granite posts | 17 |
| “ lots furnished with granite or iron numbers | 64 |
| “ headstones erected | 278 |
| “ monuments erected | 39 |
| “ catch basins built | 4 |
| “ tons crushed stone spread on avenues | 300 |
| “ lineal feet of concrete paths built | 156 |
| “ tombs removed | 1 |
| “ iron fences removed | 13 |
| “ granite curbings removed | 2 |

INTERMENT RECORD.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Total number of interments, as per last report | 33,878 |
| Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, | 417 |
| “ “ removals from other cemeteries | 21 |
| Total number of interments for the year | 438 |
| “ “ “ in cemetery | 34,316 |
| Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb | 34 |
| “ “ “ interments in public lots | 17 |

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:—

| | |
|--|----|
| To public lots | 0 |
| To private lots | 30 |
| Total removals within the cemetery | 30 |
| “ “ from the cemetery | 18 |
| Total number of removals | 48 |

CREMATION RECORD.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Total number of incinerations, as per last report | 169 |
| Number of incinerations for year ending Dec. 31, 1902 | 134 |
| Total | 303 |

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,
Supt. of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Article VIII. of the By-Laws as follows:—

DONATION IN TRUST.—“The Trustees may receive in trust from a proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY.—“The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.”

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in the bonds or notes of such other corporations, which have earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment, as shall be deemed a proper and suitable investment by the Committee on Finance; or in such investments as are authorized by the State of Massachusetts for savings banks, provided:

“That no investment in excess of \$40,000 (par value) shall be made in any one security, and

“That the Committee on Finance shall report monthly to the President, to be laid before the Trustees at the next meeting, a list of all investments which shall have been made from this fund since the previous meeting.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose,

with the principal sum paid on account of said lot: and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST. — "A proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monuments or headstones are added subsequently to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given on page 17 of this report.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING CREMATIONS MADE AT THE CEMETERY OF MT. AUBURN.

Before receiving a body for cremation, the Superintendent of the cemetery shall take an order, signed by the nearest relative of the deceased, or by whoever has the legal possession of the body.

If the death took place within the State of Massachusetts, Section 37, Chapter 78, Rev. Laws, must be complied with, to wit:

The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within forty-eight hours after his decease, unless death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease, and it shall not be received or cremated by any corporation organized under the provisions of Section 7 or the corresponding provisions of earlier laws, until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial, and a certificate from the medical examiner of the district within which the death occurred, that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

Such other regulations as may hereafter be made by the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, the State Board of Health, or the local Board of Health are to be complied with.

Bodies received from States in which district medical examiners are established by law, are to be accompanied by a certificate from that officer, similar to that required in the State of Massachusetts. Bodies from other States to be accompanied by the usual permit and by a certificate signed by two physicians, graduates of a legally established medical school, setting

forth the cause of death, with their opinion that the body may be cremated without further examination or judicial inquiry.

Incineration to begin at least two hours before sunset.

The average time needed for an incineration is one hour. The body is placed in the retort, enclosed in the casket as received at the cemetery, the name-plate, etc., being first removed. Two hours after the incineration the ashes can be delivered to the family in a copper cylinder, terra-cotta urn or wooden casket, as they may select. If marble, bronze, or Wedgewood urns (with the name, age, etc., inscribed) are desired they can be provided at some additional cost.

The charge for the cremation of the body of an adult will be \$30, and that of a child under ten years of age \$25. If the ashes are interred in a lot in the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn, no charge will be made for the interment, unless a brick or other special grave is ordered.

Incinerations will not be made on Sunday, unless the cause of death is certified as contagious or infectious.

All the necessary blanks and any further information desired may be had on application to

J. C. SCORGIE,

Supt. Mt. Auburn Cemetery,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR,
WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. _____ on the way called _____ in said Cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST."

[*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. _____, in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES.

FOR 1903.

| SIZE OF LOT. | CARE. | TOP-DRESSING DURING NOVEM- BER ONLY. | |
|------------------|--------|--|-------------------------------|
| 100 square feet. | \$1.50 | \$1.00 | Larger lots at special rates. |
| 200 " " | 2.00 | 1.50 | Lots containing fractional |
| 300 " " | 3.00 | 2.00 | parts of 100 feet will be |
| 400 " " | 4.00 | 2.50 | charged the rate of the |
| 500 " " | 5.00 | 3.00 | next larger size when that |
| 600 " " | 6.00 | 3.50 | fraction exceeds 50 feet. |
| 700 " " | 7.00 | 4.00 | |
| 800 " " | 8.00 | 4.50 | |

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to the Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chambertombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary reinterments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, resodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted.*

TO PROPRIETORS.

INFORMATION.

The following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey his lot, or devise it by will; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-at-law, who are (Rev. Laws, Chap. 133, Sect. 1) : —

Title to lot held as real estate.

If proprietor dies intestate.

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue and no father nor mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and children of any deceased brother or sister.
6. If no issue and no father, mother, brother nor sister, then next of kin.

Heirs-at-law.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life; and, if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of it during her life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sects. 26, 28). The same rights in a tomb or lot of his wife have now been given to a husband. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 29).

Rights of husband and widow in lot.

Provisions
of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or, if not devised and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Representa-
tive to be
designated.

Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26, and Sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation provide that if there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot.

Representa-
tive no con-
trol over title.

This designation *does not affect the title*. The heirs-at-law or devisees are tenants-in-common, and no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

Petition for
representa-
tion. Import-
ance of
prompt re-
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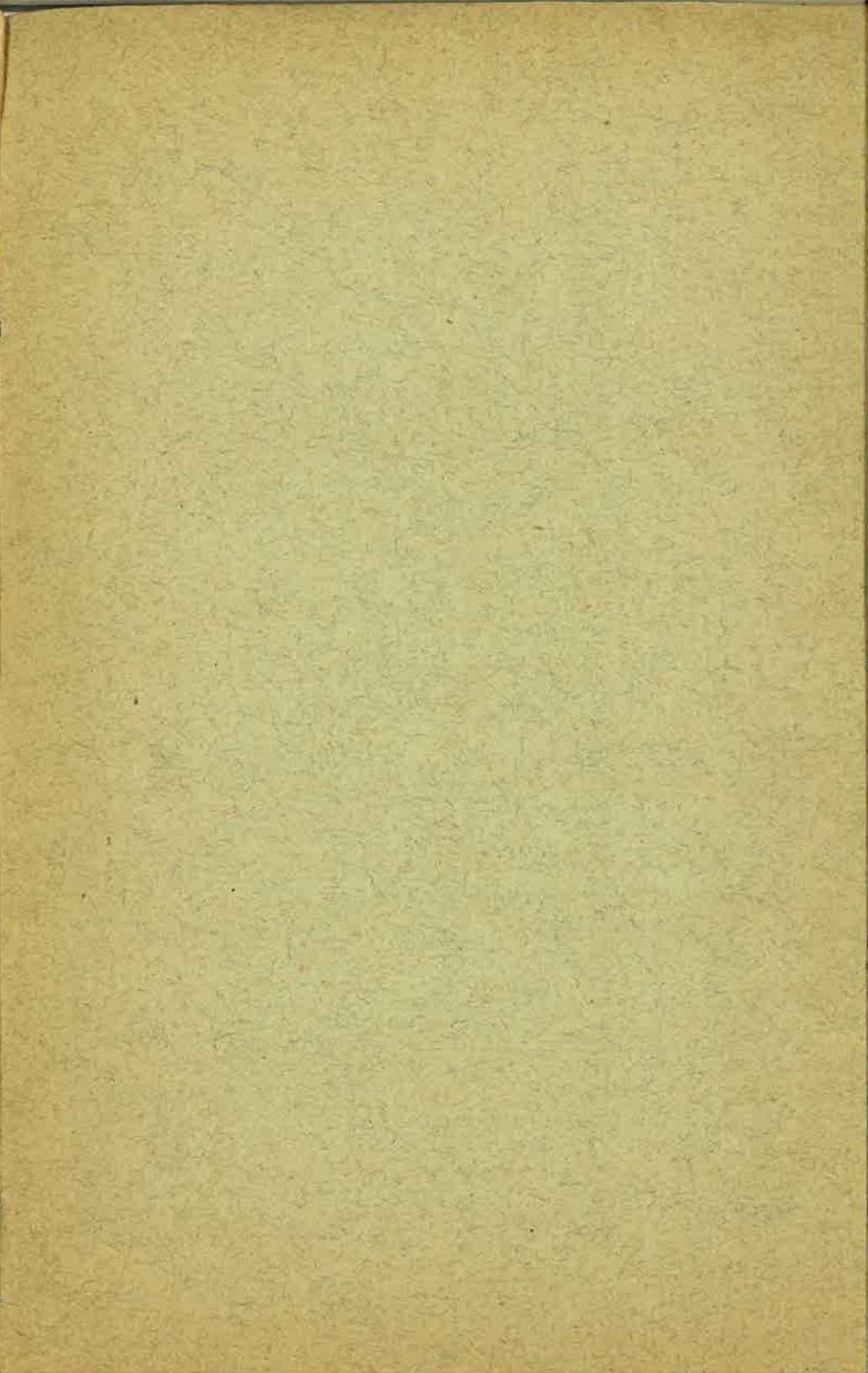
It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*; otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

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Lots are *indivisible* (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26), and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. VII.)

LEWIS G. FARMER,

Secretary.



Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Tremont Street.

BOSTON, Jan. 24, 1903.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the office of the Corporation, No. 5 Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 2, 1903, at 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

LEWIS G. FARMER, Secretary.